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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ELECTRICAL UTILITY SURVEY TEAM

SUMMARY: GROUPS OF A FOURTEEN MEMBER TEAM COMPOSED OF SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES PLAN TO VISIT EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE (EEI) AND EBASCO JUNE 6; STATE DEPARTMENT AND FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION (FPC) JUNE 8; FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION (FEA) JUNE 9; FEA AND WORLD BANK (IBRD) JUNE 10, PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO. (PG&E) JUNE 13 AND 14; AND ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE JUNE 15, TO DISCUSS ELECTRIC UTILITY MANAGEMENT INCLUDING FINANCING, FUTURE LOAD PROJECTION, GENERATING CAPACITY PLANNING, PLANT CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION, POWER DISTRIBUTION AND PRICING. VISITS IN U.S. FOLLOW OEAM VISITS IN ISRAEL, SPAIN, FRANCE, FRG AND UK. ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING TEAM U.S. VISITS AS CONSISTENT AS POSSIBLE WITH ABOVE SCHEDULE REQUESTED. END SUMMARY

1. VISIT IS ONE OF NUMBER BEING UNDERTAKEN TO GATHER INFORMATION FOR (A) DEVELOPING ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ROK GOVERNMENT AND KOREA ELECTRIC CO. (KECO) WHICH IS TO BE NATIONALIZED IN NEXT FEW YEARS AND (B) UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVISING THE PROTOCOL GIVING KECO MANAGEMENT AUTONOMY FOR GIVEN TIME PERIODS (FIVE YEARS POSSIBLY), RATIONALIZING KECO'S ORGANIZATION, AND FORMULATING EXTENSIVE PLANS FOR MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL MANPOWER TRAINING.

2. TEAM MEMBERS BY ORGANIZATION ARE:

KOREA DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (KDI):

DR. YOON-HYUNG KIM, AND MR. BUM-YONG SUNG

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (MCI):

MR. NAM-HWAN HUN, DIRECTOR OF ENERGY PLANNING BUREAU

MR. SEUNG-SHIK YOON, CHIEF OF ELECTRIC POWER DIVISION

ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD (EPB):

MR. BONG-GEUN KANG, CHIEF OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY,  
BUDGET DIVISION, BUDGETING BUREAU

MR. CHUN-JOO MENG, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PROJECT  
EVALUATION DIVISION, PLANNING BUREAU. KOREA ELECTRIC CO. (KECO):

MR. KYO-SUN LEE, VICE PRESIDENT, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT;  
MR. CHUNG-IL NAHM, MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION; MR.  
UNG-WON KIM, CHIEF OF ELECTRICITY PRICING; MR. CHAI-JOONG LIM, CHIEF  
OF  
ORGANIZATION PLANNING; MR. WON-MAN LEE, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF FINANCIAL  
PLANNING; MR. KYU-SEUNG CHO, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF DEMAND PROJECTION;  
MR. MAHN-CHUL SHIN, CHIEF OF GENERATING CAPACITY EXPANSION PLANNING.  
NOTE: DR. YOON-HYUNG KIM, KDI, IS THE CONTACT FOR VISIT ARRANGE-  
MENTS.

3. PURPOSE OF JUNE 6 EEI VISIT IS TO OBTAIN OVERALL VIEW  
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OF U.S. UTILITY INDUSTRY WITH EMPHASIS ON VARIOUS MEANS  
OF OPERATION, DEMAND FORECASTING, FINANCING, PRICING  
AND RESEARCH SUPPORT. REFERENCES AND REPORTS DEALING  
WITH ABOVE TOPICS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. DR.  
YOON-HYUNG KIM AND FEW OTHERS WILL LEAVE EEI TO VISIT  
EBASCO DURING AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS EBASCO GREEK UTILITY  
STUDIES, REORGANIZATION OF KECO, PRELIMINARY VERSIONS OF  
KECO REORGANIZATION PLANS AND TARIFF STUDIES. EEI TELEPHONE  
NO. (212) 573-8700.

4. PURPOSE OF JUNE 8 VISIT AT FPC DIRECTED TO RELATION-  
SHIP BETWEEN FPC AND INDUSTRY, REVIEW OF REGULATORY  
SCHEMA AND DETAILED DISCUSSION OF FUNCTIONS OF ORGANI-  
ZATIONAL DEPARTMENTS OF TYPICAL U.S. POWER COMPANIES.  
YOON HYUNG-KIM AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS WISH TO VISIT  
STATE DEPARTMENT DURING MORNING TO ESTABLISH POINT OF  
CONTACT FOR FUTURE.

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5. PURPOSE OF JUNE 9 AND 10 VISIT AT FEA DIRECTED TO  
DISCUSSION OF U.S. OVERALL ENERGY POLICY AND EVALUATION OF  
OVERALL POLICY. TEAM ALSO INTERESTED IN REVIEWING  
PROGRAMS AND RESULTS OF FEA SPONSORED RESEARCH ON LOAD  
DISTRIBUTION STUDIES AND FEA STAFF OPINION OF METHODS  
OF SPREADING DISTRIBUTION OF POWER COST. PART OF TEAM,  
INCLUDING YOON HYUNG-KIM PLAN VISIT AT IBRD ON JUNE 10  
FOR OVERALL EVALUATION OF KECO MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION  
RATIONALIZATION.

6. PURPOSE OF JUNE 13-14 PG&E VISIT IS TO OBTAIN BRIEFING  
BY U.S. UTILITY ON FINANCING PROGRAMS, MANAGEMENT  
PHILOSOPHY AND INTERNAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW, COMPANY OR-  
GANIZATION, PLANT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, PHILOSOPHY  
PRACTICES AND STAFFING, PRICING PRACTICES AND INVESTMENT  
PLANNING, DEMAND PREDICTION AND GENERATING CAPACITY  
CONSTRUCTION PLANNING. PG&E TELEPHONE NUMBER: (202)  
386 6102.

7. PURPOSE OF JUNE 15 (MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON)  
EPRI VISIT TO DISCUSS EPRI RESEARCH PROGRAMS RELATED TO  
ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION, POWER DEMAND  
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FORECASTING AND INVESTMENT STUDIES. ONLY YOON HYUNG-KIM

AND A FEW TEAM MEMBERS WILL VISIT EPRI.

8. TENTATIVE ITINERARY IN U.S. FOLLOWS: TEAM ARRIVES  
1335 JEK NEW YORK ON JUNE 5 VIA PA 101. ARRIVES 2003  
NATIONAL, WASHINGTON D.C., JUNE 7 VIA NA 425, LEAVES  
D.C. 0900 DULLES VIA UA 053 AND ARRIVES 1155 SAN FRANCISCO  
ON JUNE 12. LEAVES 1800 SAN FRANCISCO ON JUNE 15 VIA  
UA 527.

9. FYI: TEAM ARRIVES U.S. AFTER FOREIGN UTILITIES  
VISITS OF INDICATED WORKING DAYS IN ISRAEL (TWO);  
SPAIN (FOUR); EDF-FRANCE (SEVEN); RWE-FRG (TWO); AND  
CEGB-UK (TWO).

10. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE ARRANGING VISITS  
ABOVE DATES OR COMPATIBLE DATES WHICH PERMIT ESSENTIALLY  
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